

Collecting Sedums Would Make a Fascinating Hobby for Any Gardener

Attractive Display Over Long Season Obtainable By Careful Selection

Majority of Species Prefer A Light Loamy Soil That Is Usually in Full Sun

By W. H. YOUNGMAN.

In these days when every one is urged to have a hobby, perhaps collecting sedums would prove a fascinating one for many gardeners. There are so many kinds and of such varying habits of growth that by selection one might have an attractive display the whole season through.

Nearly all of the sedums prefer a light loamy soil in full sun. The only exception that I know is the true perennial, *S. pulchellum*, which requires a moist soil. If consistent moisture cannot be provided a leafy soil in shade will serve fairly well.

Sedums are seldom regarded from the standpoint of landscape material. And yet some of them would make a definite contribution. The Japanese species, *S. sieboldii*, with its thick, shiny leaves and showy clusters of rosy purple flowers on 4-inch stems would be an addition to many gardens. *S. sieboldii* blooms in late September and October.

Like *S. sieboldii* it may be used effectively on a ledge at the foot of or on top of a dry rock wall. *S. spectabile* blooms in September. It will grow taller with showy pink flowers.

S. ewersii with its trailing stems, blue-gray leaves and clusters of deep rose-colored flowers may be used to cascade down over the rocks. It blooms in August. There is another species which has blue foliage, *S. hispanicum minus*. It is useful as a bedding plant, too, as well as for edging and rock gardens, as it grows only about an inch high.

A number of the sedums are excellent as ground covers. From Asia Minor comes *S. lydium*, which spreads a lovely carpet of red and green foliage over the ground, and to add to its beauty bursts forth with little umbrellas of white flowers in June.

S. gracile is very similar and has bright green leaves and does not spread. It should, consequently, be useful in limited areas. All forms of *S. album* spread badly and so are not satisfactory for the rock garden but this very same spreading habit makes them very useful as carpeting plants for beds. The one most recommended is one which remains green the year round. It goes by a number of names and its correct one is much too long, but *S. album micranthum chlorotum* is useful to cover dry, sunny slopes as well as bulb beds with white flowers.

Another variety of *S. album* has reddish purple leaves, stems and flowers. This variety, known as *S. album murale*, makes a good carpet. All forms of *S. album* remain less than 3 inches high.

S. hybridum is too deep rooting for covering beds of small bulbs but may be used over tulip or narcissus plantings. It, too, is evergreen.

There is a little woodland plant of the Eastern United States which is the earliest of the sedums to blossom. *S. ternatum* will flourish in shady places carpeting the ground with lovely four-petaled white flowers. The leaves are arranged in 3 to 5 inch stems. *S. nevii* is less hardy but with some moisture will extend the blooming season into June or July. It has five-pointed white stars on 3-inch stems. The foliage is pale green.

If buying sedums for a collection, there are several other classes which should be represented. Of the bearded type we have mentioned *S. album*, *S. pulchellum* and *S. lydium*. In the conifer type which resembles little fir trees or giant moss all the flowers are yellow. *S. reflexum* is peculiar in that it droops at the top when in bud. *S. rupestris* has bluer leaves but the same nodding habit.

The stringy type represented by *S. sarmentosum* is probably the one which has given a bad name to all sedums. It is the one with fast creeping stems and a few yellow flowers in August, which spreads like a fire in dry grass. Let's leave it out entirely but do not make up your mind that all sedums are alike and so deprive yourself of the pleasure that may be had from growing some of the others.

Transplant Trees With Caution

Wise Idea to Move Evergreens Now For the Winter

Thanks to the ease with which the annual flowers respond, newly built homes are easy to supply with color during the first summer. But it is during the first fall and winter that bleakness shows itself. Were a few evergreens present, the whole picture would be changed. Warmth would be added to the winter scene.

Transplanting the needed evergreens can be done successfully in any part of the country during the next several weeks. Balled and burlapped trees are not likely to be found in stores at this season. Even if they were, they probably would not be what you desired. To insure the success of the venture, the holes should be dug for the trees just before the trees are purchased. Have the nurseryman dig them while you wait. Buy only as many as you can plant within several hours of digging and then plant them inside that time limit.

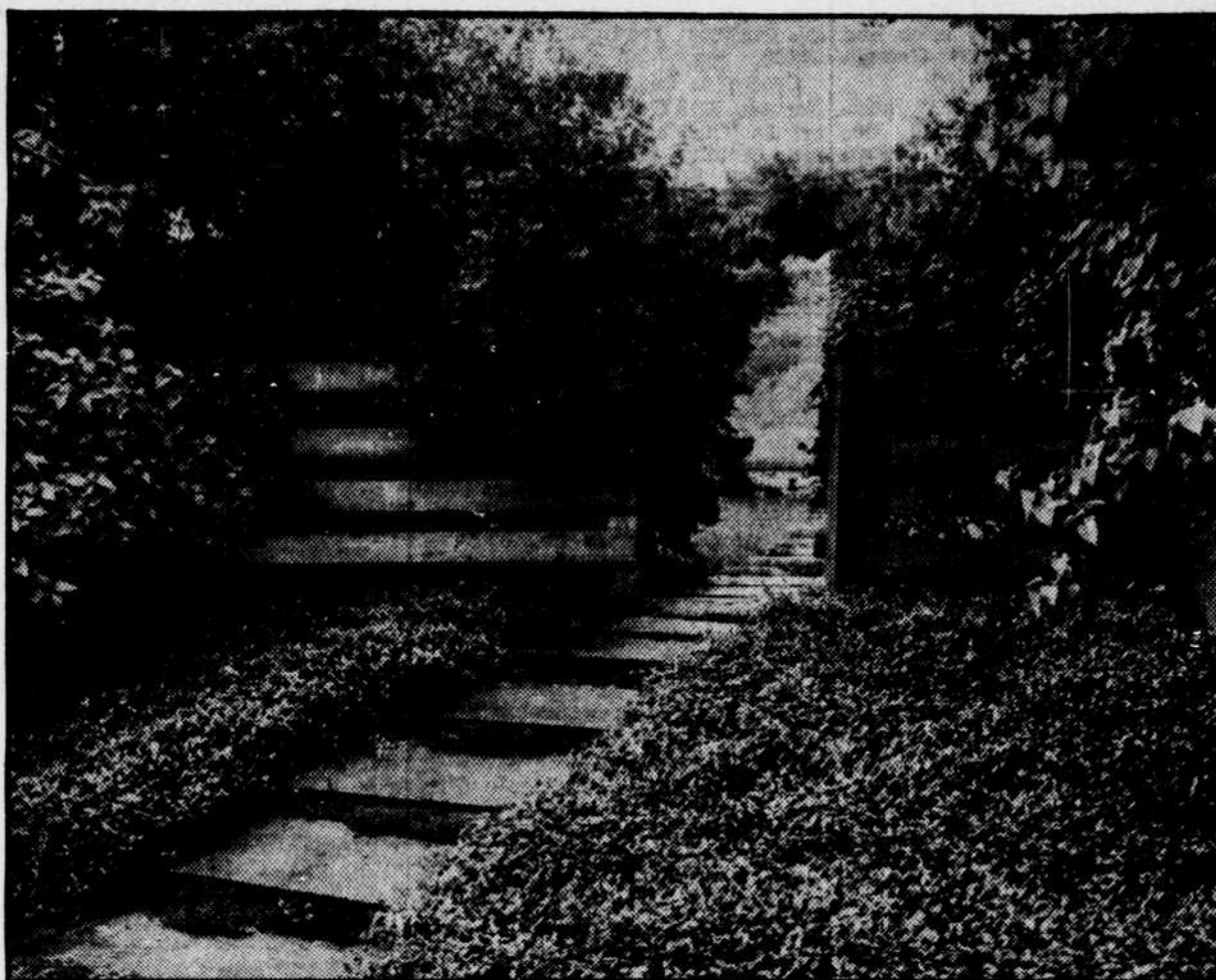
Rich manure and stimulating chemicals should be kept away from the newly planted stock. For the most part it will have reached the peak growth for the season and it will need only generous watering and heavy, non-food-containing mulches to conserve soil moisture. Since the newly planted stock will lose much water through evaporation at its leaves, the foliage should be sprayed several times each day for the first week after transplanting, and after that once daily for another month. The watering of the soil and foliage may continue until cold weather suggests stoppage.

To Plant Peonies

Do not plant peony roots too deep. Dig a hole a little larger than the root. Into it throw a shovelful of good loam, then plant roots about two inches below the level ground.

Hydrangea Care

Rusty nails put in the soil around a hydrangea bush will keep the soil healthy.



Although it is suggested that collecting sedums be adopted as a hobby, nevertheless the tiny plants are very useful in their own way. Here they soften the outlines of the rough stone steps, and prevent soil from washing away between them.

Parsley and Chives Easy To Grow

These Two Herbs Are Practically Indispensable

By LOUISE HENDEY.

Alliums are bulbous herbs belonging to the lily family. There are 300 known species of which about 70 are cultivated in the open ground mostly as vegetables—a few as ornamentals. The color range is from white to yellow and through pinks to purple. They all like a soil that is rich and loamy in a sunny situation. The alliums, like so many other herbs, furnish not only seasoning for food but add attractive plants to the border. The best known are onions, leeks and chives.

Next to onions, perhaps chives are most commonly grown in the herb garden of today. Chives have small, slender, hollow leaves which when finely chopped are used for flavoring salads, stews and soups.

The plant bears small round heads of tiny lavender flowers on foliage that grows from 6 to 8 inches high. Both foliage and flower are so attractive that they may be used for edgings. It will be necessary to cut the flower heads or to gather the seed to avoid self-sowing or this otherwise beautiful allium may become a troublesome weed. Chives once established will last for many years. They may be started from seed or by root division.

Parsley (*Petroselinum hortense*) is a biennial herb grown as an annual which is so well known and liked that there is little new to tell about it.

There are three forms or kinds that are commonly grown—the curly-leaved (*P. crispum*), the fern-leaved (*P. hirsutum*) and the Hamburg or "rooted" (*P. radicum*). All are used for meat, soups and salads, although the curly-leaved is the most used for such purposes as well as for garnishing. The fern-leaved is equally attractive. The Hamburg is usually cooked like parsnips.

Because parsley seed germinates so very slowly—sometimes not for several weeks—it is well to soak the seed in warm water over night before sowing. Sow outdoors in the early spring in rows 10 to 12 inches apart covering the seed one-half inch. Thin to about 6 inches.

Cut the parsley all season. In the fall dry and store some in tight cans or transplant some roots into boxes or pots to be grown indoors for winter use. To keep it green when dried try this: Plunge the leaves into boiling water that has been salted. Let them stay about a half-minute or until the leaves wilt, then after draining off the water place the leaves on a fine wire mesh in a flat pan and dry in a moderate oven for a few minutes. Rub the leaves through a fine sieve and pack in tightly covered containers. All winter you will have a fine, bright green garnish for your favorite dishes.

Chionanthus Is Ideal For Those Desiring A Tall Shrub

Gardeners who are thinking about adding to their shrub collections this fall and have an appropriate setting for a large specimen should find *Chionanthus* or the fringetree interesting.

Fringetree is a large shrub or small tree which bears showy panicles of small, white flowers which hang like bunches of fringe in May and June and dark blue fruits in the fall. It is rather easy to grow, has nice foliage and does not attract insects too strongly. The plant naturally grows in moist sandy loam soil but is tolerant about soil and will grow well with rhododendrons and azaleas, although it prefers a soil not too rich, acidic, if trained as a tree *Chionanthus* will reach a height of 20 to 30 feet.

The native species is *Chionanthus virginica*. There is another species, *C. retusa*, Chinese fringetree, which is a bit showier than the white fringetree, as it bears more and larger panicles at blooming time, which is a little later than white fringetree.

Although both these species may be propagated by seed it is a rather slow process. The plants do not root easily from hardwood cuttings, but nurserymen usually carry a supply of these attractive shrubs in stock, making them readily available to gardeners who desire the plants.

A Fascinating Hobby Everblooming Miniature Roses Gratify Aesthetic Tastes

By BERTHA E. BOYD.

St. Dorothea, patron saint of gardeners, surely smiled with favor on the efforts and ultimate success of the hybridizer who produced the most fascinating of all hybrid roses—the new everblooming miniature roses.

More than two thousand years ago, in Athens, the Greeks crowned the rose the "Queen of Flowers." Yet in all recorded rose history we have failed to find any mention of miniature rose plants with perfect, fully-petalled white or yellow blooms, new tiny roses (white) and Baby Gold Star (yellow), while Tom Thumb is crimson with single variety.

These three miniature roses were introduced into the United States by a well known firm of rose growers. The first, Tom Thumb, well known as the tiniest crimson rose, was introduced three years ago. This one

animate. Since time immemorial there has been an urge for collecting tiny objects: furniture, glass and pottery. So it is not surprising that today we find its allure in the living miniature of the rose. There is little wonder then that the woman gardener will be delighted with these tiny roses for working out attractive garden arrangements. Also for the many novel indoor decorative uses her feminine ingenuity may devise.

If she doesn't mind a garden extra-fragrant and at the same time wishes to gratify her aesthetic taste, she will use them for the most up-to-date edging for the beds of Tom Thumb and Baby Gold Star.

Now that flower arrangements have generally found women's fancy, she will be thrilled with the results to be obtained by using these charming roses. They will eclipse all other flowers when used in miniature vases

for flower show exhibits. "Pixie" can be recommended for cutting—given reasonable attention, the blooms will last from six to eight days. It is hard to believe that 12 perfect roses with foliage can be arranged in a tiny vase 1 1/2 inches high.

Miniature roses are of somewhat uncertain origin. Bailey implies that they are varieties of *Rosa chinensis* Var. *Minima* (Lawrence) having the common name of fairy roses. Another authority names Rosa Rouletti as Tom Thumb's "mother." Anyway, the ancestry is cloudy and we can only assume that tiny roses are supreme. The kiddie will love seeing the tiny buds unfold to full bloom, and it will be an inspiration to them to care for their garden and to enjoy the cheery blooms when other plants have finished flowering.

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Good Lawns Need Good Soil Plants Often Harmed by Feeding

Proper Foundation Essential If Turf Is to Prosper Over A Great Number of Years

By THE MASTER GARDENER.

If you are the possessor of a new home which requires a lawn, or the owner of an old lawn that is in such bad condition that it must be remade, think not that all you need to do is to go out and cultivate the soil a little, level it, scatter grass seed, and then await results. No sir! Not if you want a good lawn.

For a good permanent lawn is like a substantial home—you need a good foundation upon which to build. And in the case of your lawn a good foundation consists of:

(a) An area that has good drainage, and preferably graded to a gentle slope.

(b) Soil that is deeply prepared, that is in excellent physical condition—friable, with a good humus content—that it will have both moisture-holding and food-holding capacity.

(c) Soil that, in addition to being in good physical condition, contains plenty of available plant food—a complete balanced ration that will develop both a good root system and a good top growth.

(d) The use of a high-grade grass seed. Do not use a cheap, inferior grass seed.

(e) Proper care after seeding. Now let us see how we can achieve these things, in the order named:

(a) Good drainage. If the surface drainage achieved by proper grading is not sufficient, then a

good underground system of tile drainage should be installed.

(b) By deep preparation of the soil, we mean the soil should be worked to a depth of at least one foot. If the soil is too heavy and gummy, dig in some sand and peat moss as you work the area, to lighten the soil and make it friable. If too sandy, work in peat moss in order to increase the water-holding and food-holding capacity. The soil must be of a good consistency to grow a satisfactory lawn.

(c) Just because you have improved the physical condition of the soil to a point where it seems satisfactory, this does not mean that the soil is fertile. To insure proper nourishment for the grass, be sure to incorporate a complete balanced plant food in the soil. The early stages in the growth of the grass are most crucial ones. A good supply of plant food is necessary for the production of vigorous grass that will soon cover the entire area and keep weeds crowded out. When you have the bed fairly level and before seeding, apply a complete balanced plant food at the rate of 4 pounds per 100 square feet and rake it in lightly, so that the plant food will be equally distributed through the top of the soil. Feeding at this time is particularly effective because it enables the new grass to secure a complete and balanced diet right from the start. Buy a plant food that contains all the necessary elements, and one produced by a reliable manufacturer.

(d) A good grade of grass seed has a high percentage of purity, a high percentage of germination; it consists of desirable permanent lawn grasses, with a minimum content of nurse grasses, and the weed seed content is practically nil. All of these qualities in a grass seed will aid you materially in having a weed-free lawn. Do not underestimate the importance of buying a good grade of grass seed.

(e) Care after seeding. After seeding, rake the seed in; roll the area (often failure to roll the seed in results in poor germination of seed), and sprinkle lightly. It may or may not be necessary to mow a fall-made lawn before cold weather sets in, depending upon just when the lawn is put in, and the growing conditions encountered after sowing. If the growth of the grass does not exceed a height of 3 inches, it is not necessary to mow. But if it will cut no lower than 1 1/2 inches and preferably 2 inches, and be sure the mower is sharp, otherwise the tender young grass may be pulled out by the roots.

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At this time we find that many similar shrubs at the end of their growth for this year. From now on all plant energy—in the species under discussion—is expended in making fat, plump buds and terminal shoots for next season's flowers.

Extra feeding at this time may start new growth. It may cause an out-of-season flowering or may force the buds to remain greener than necessary with the result that they may still remain soft when cold weather arrives. Soft buds are the kind which freeze. Many times you are the cause for the non-flowering of otherwise well-cared-for plants. Do not then treat plants which are maturing buds with too much care. Frequently water them and keep up cultivation, but withhold food. Later, some time after frost or dormancy has checked all growth, the plants can be given some food in the form of rough bone or horn shavings. One pound to a specimen plant is none too much. These materials, when dug into the soil with a rake or spade, will remain whole for a long time, but by spring some of their benefits will begin to appear in the plants. From then on they will disintegrate slowly, providing a slow, but never-failing supply of rich root and food.

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